

PEPA, INC. 

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*Our Community*

Association

*and Environment*

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## Courage

*Courage is the price life exacts for granting peace,  
The soul that knows it now knows no release  
From the little things;  
Knows not the livid loneliness of fear,  
Nor mountain heights where bitter joy can hear  
The sound of wings.  
How can life grant us both of living, compensate  
For the dull grey ugliness and expectant hate  
Unless we dare  
The soul's dominion? Each time we make a choice, we pay  
With courage to behold the restless day,  
And count it fair.*

*-Amelia Earhart*

Amelia Earhart, considered courageous, modest and warm, always took time to greet her fans while flying in and out of the Blind Brook Polo Club grounds. Today the PepsiCo Sculpture Garden occupies the land she used as a runway.

PEPA has a hard-won reputation as a courageous advocacy organization that works to protect the environment and quality of life of our unique community

## Benefits

By becoming a member of PEPA, you will have a significant impact on the ever-changing challenges of planned growth, conservation of open space, and protection of the environment in Purchase.

In addition to helping our community, your membership will include:

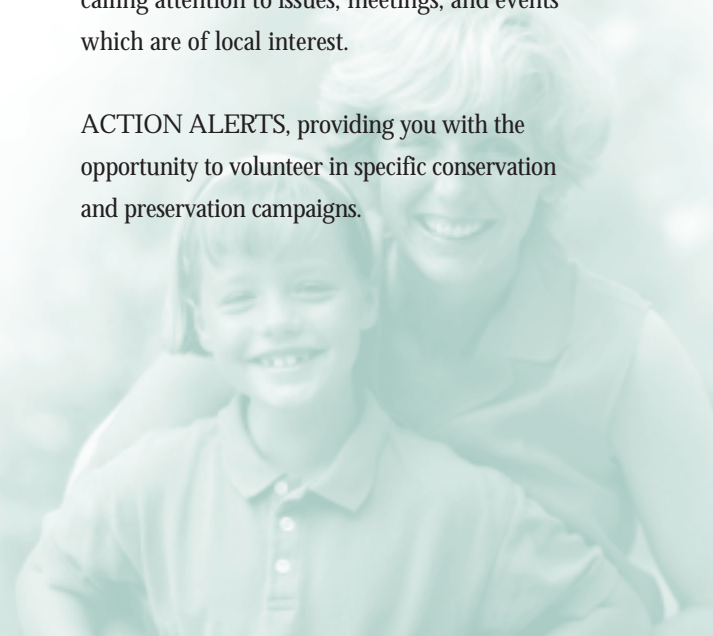
PEPA NEWSLETTER, which will keep you informed through regular, in-depth coverage about news and events which impact our environment and community.

*By monitoring local issues and circulating information about them throughout our newsletter and website we are working to keep members informed.*

INVITATIONS to special community events.

COMMUNITY ALERTS, written materials calling attention to issues, meetings, and events which are of local interest.

ACTION ALERTS, providing you with the opportunity to volunteer in specific conservation and preservation campaigns.



# Our History

The Purchase Environmental Protective Association (PEPA) was founded in 1917.

It was established by concerned citizens living in Purchase who sought to balance priorities for land preservation with strategies for managing public safety and local development.

*PEPA's Grassroot advocacy has made it one of Westchester County's most influential environmental organizations. PEPA continues today in its efforts to protect the very nature of Purchase.*

Back in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Purchase was a rural community with rolling hills and untouched forests. Development as the world knows it today was still decades away. However, the founders of PEPA had great vision and foresaw a time when the bucolic life in Purchase would be challenged by suburban sprawl. Therefore, for more than 80 years, PEPA has worked to

protect the rural character of Purchase by being a vocal voice advocating for responsible, planned growth.

With the help of PEPA's dedicated commitment and hard work of staff and local volunteers, today Purchase remains a pristine hamlet. Its sylvan beauty with open spaces and preserved woodlands woven around our homes and small neighborhoods ensures that residents of Purchase continue to live in an atmosphere of peaceful solitude.

# Our Vision for the Future

The nature of our work at PEPA necessitates that we respond to issues of environmental importance with immediacy, reacting swiftly to issues as they present themselves. And yet, we are aware of the need to focus our energies proactively and chart the course for future PEPA involvement and activities. Therefore, our long-range vision calls for the continued preservation of open space, promotion of responsible planned growth, and the retention of community character and quality of life in Purchase.

For 88 years PEPA's vision has been straightforward and clear. We are committed to preserving and protecting our glorious community. By monitoring local issues and circulating information about them through our newsletter and website, we are working to protect Purchase.

While these are ambitious goals, they are entirely necessary to the continued success of our mission. PEPA is dedicated to achieving these results. With a clear focus, and through diligence and the support of our members, we will continue to preserve the very nature of Purchase for future generations.

# Membership

As a grassroot advocacy organization, PEPA is dependent upon the participation and support of our members, supporter, patron and benefactors. By becoming a member, you will have a vast and significant impact as we focus on the ever-present challenges of growth control, environmental issues, and open space conservation. With your

*We believe there is strength in numbers, so there is no fee to join PEPA.*

membership you can help us protect the very nature of Purchase.

When you join PEPA and support our work, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that

you are helping to preserve Purchase's rural character and protecting the community we call home.

We appeal to you to join PEPA because a large membership base enhances our viability, and clout. While there is no fee to become a member donations are welcomed.

But beyond this, we pledge to you that as we learn about several issues that could affect the quality of life and the environment of Purchase, we will be your watchdog and make sure that every resident is fully appraised of any issue that could be detrimental to the community.

# Our Mission

The Purchase Environmental Protective Association (PEPA) is dedicated protecting the environmental interests of the residents of Purchase by advancing actions which balance land preservation, public safety and health, and local development. **To accomplish this mission we:**

Monitor issues, identifying those which support and those which could be detrimental to PEPA's mission. Issues that not only threaten the quality of life in Purchase but could result in major tax increases and significantly damage property values.

Support legislation and public policies which advance PEPA's mission.

Educate Purchase residents about relevant local issues, legislation, and policies by disseminating information through PEPA's website and newsletter, informative publications, and mailings.

Seek the input of Purchase residents, by polling, issuing surveys and monitoring the questions and postings on the Bulletin Board sections of our intranet website [www.pepany.com](http://www.pepany.com).

Enlist the active participation of PEPA members in community-wide environmental protection and conservation initiatives.

Create opportunities to bring together PEPA members and Purchase neighbors with local officials and community organizations at the PEPA office, Town Board and Planning Meetings, and special events.

Build community relationships and encourage civic pride by sponsoring educational initiatives and cultural events including programs at Manhattanville College.